

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Prior to this Response, Claims 1-27 were pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 11-14 and 24-27 remain allowed.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 6, 15 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,580,699 to *Manning et al.* (hereinafter *Manning*). The Examiner has rejected Claims 2-3, 7-8, 16-17 and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Manning* in view of US Patent No. 6,707,809 to *Warrier et al.* (hereinafter *Warrier*). The Examiner has rejected Claims 4-5, 9-10, 18-19 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Manning* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,556,820 to *Le et al.* (hereinafter *Le*).

Please cancel Claims 1-10 and 15-23 without prejudice. Accordingly, Claims 11-14 and 24-27 are currently pending in this application.

Regarding the §102(e) rejection of Claims 1, 6, 15 and 20, as previously indicated Claims 1, 6, 15 and 20 have been cancelled herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is rendered moot. Withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection of Claims 1, 6, 15 and 20, therefore, is respectfully requested.

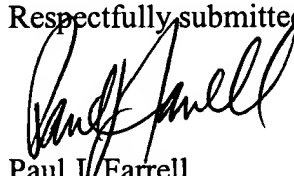
Regarding the §103(a) rejection of Claims 2-3, 7-8, 16-17 and 21-22, as previously indicated Claims 2-3, 7-8, 16-17 and 21-22 have been cancelled herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is rendered moot. Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of Claims 2-3, 7-8, 16-17 and 21-22, therefore, is respectfully requested.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of Claims 4-5, 9-10, 18-19 and 23, as previously indicated Claims 4-5, 9-10, 18-19 and 23 have been cancelled herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is rendered moot. Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection

of Claims 4-5, 9-10, 18-19 and 23, therefore, is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 11-14 and 24-27, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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